

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/551,843 Confirmation No. : 5817  
First Named Inventor : Tadahiro OHMI  
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Examiner : Grant S. Withers  
  
Docket No. : 010986.56896US  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Semiconductor Device and Method for Manufacturing the Same

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 13, 2007, the period for response having been extended to January 13, 2008 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. ***Additional claims fees are submitted herewith.***

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.